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MEDIA ADVISORY

Department of Education to host K-12 ESL Conference in March 2008

Indiana has the third highest percentage growth rate in limited English proficient (LEP) students in the nation over the past 10 years. These students speak more than 200 different languages. To address the needs of this growing population, the Indiana Department of Education Division of Language Minority and Migrant Programs will host the 2008 K-12 ESL (English as a Second Language) Conference "Supporting Student Success" March 14, 2008 at the Indiana Convention Center.

The day-long conference is related to the instruction of limited English proficient and immigrant students, and will provide professional development to content area teachers, ESL teachers, instructional assistants and administrators. Specific areas of focus will be: closing the achievement gap, developing academic language proficiency, achieving Adequate Yearly Progress for LEP students, and implementing the English Language Proficiency standards.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed will deliver the opening address. Special highlights include a general session by John De Mado, opportunities for participation in sessions related to the instruction of LEP students, Certification Renewal Units (CRU's) for license renewal, continental breakfast and lunch with program and prize drawing, exhibitor tables offering a variety of instructional and assessment materials and networking opportunities with other school districts.

Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, or to access the registration form, please visit www.doe.state.in.us/lmmp/conferences.html.

WHO: ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers, content area teachers, instructional assistants and administrators

WHAT: 2008 K-12 ESL Conference "Supporting Student Success"

WHEN: Friday, March 14, 2008

WHERE: Indiana Convention Center, 100 South Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46225

WHY: Indiana has the third highest percentage growth rate in limited English proficient (LEP) students in the nation over the past 10 years and these students speak more than 200 different languages.

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